

ABSTRACT

- This invention relates to a method of reducing an irritating or adverse side effect associated with the topical use of an active ophthalmic drug
- 5 comprising incorporating an effective amount of a cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative into a formulation to complex the active drug such that the concentration of the free active drug is reduced below a tolerable threshold, and incorporating an effective amount of a viscosity increasing agent in said formulation such that the bioavailability of said drug is high enough to be
- 10 therapeutically effective, wherein the cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative is not required to solubilize the active drug.

Another aspect of this invention relates to topical ophthalmic formulations comprising an active drug, a cyclodextrin or cyclodextrin derivative, and a viscosity-enhancing agent, in effective amounts as stated
15 above.